

Feb 11, 2022

0900 – morning call

- See meeting minutes of morning call
- [REDACTED]
- Chief on day 19 – command has not failed to notice how the membership has responded
- 0912 break til 0930 hours

0914hrs meeting with D/C Bell

- Want to get disciplined going forward, want you know how it goes down
- Bell responded clear on it; Spoke with Trish yesterday and will have different approach to the briefing, - needs structure.
- Need to provide: the priority objectives for the command team 24, 48 and 72 hours,
- Bell agreed; different roll, we need to talk 72 hours i.e. here's our plan today, roll tomorrow and then 3 days after.
- How will those priority objectives get us closer
- Will need to know the numbers of members under the control of the incident command team.
- Don't need specific forces just the numbers
- Assuming there is a steady state numbers on top, need to number
- Bell will talk to Drummond – Bernier is off today, will have Drummond in , no one placing Drummond
- Chief someone is to replace Drummond 's old position– any material change, person assigned must be only job
- Bell will be springer
- 5 questions to be answered at briefings:

#1 What are the priority objectives of the incident command team for the next 24, 48, 72 hours.

#2 How will these objectives accomplish the mission in the operational plan.

#3 Do you have the necessary resources, authorities, clarity and team to accomplish these objectives.

#4 Do you have any recommendation for changes to the mission, the threat assessment, the operational plan for the incident command team

#5 Do you have any specific requests of the Chief or the Command; i.e. information , clarification, direction etc..

Daily – provide total number of external resources that are under the direct control of the incident command team civilian or sworn – need numbers daily.

- Email sent by vnelson at 0935hrs

0930 meeting Demo F-22 meeting

See minutes

- Afternoon meeting should be a tight 15mins.
- Pleased to hear about CVOR blitz, John to look at getting it out.
- MTO resources try not to lose them to the OPP
- Was concerned from slow roll from Rockland this morning; they are getting smarter, we are not getting the intel any more, their organizers are getting smarter.
- Embrun - ensure that we don't get stretched to cover OPP; it needs to be a hard hand over and they are aware that it is theirs
- The briefing note from last night – the wording indicates a lot of efforts made to negotiate the “farmfed” group with PLT – there was a lot of partying and drinking which broke down the negotiating. Will need to know when does bad faith kick and end the negotiated settlement.
- Slow rolling – if they stop an emergency vehicle – then we need to interdict. Wherever they are slow rolling - get plates, get evidence that we can get charges later on down the road.
- We need a PLT person to advise them if they slowroll it will not be an unsafe or unlawful slow roll.
- Towing plan, we are assuming we are not going to heavy truck, do we have tow trucks available for smaller vehicles or people to remove the vehicles from the neighborhoods. What is the plan?
- Need creative, lawful solution to the towing of vehicle issue.
- Do we have direct intel that there will be a blockade at the airport, has the airport authority been advised. Do we have plan for egress-routes.
- Need to be thoughtful and lawful – think out of the box to take out their command center. Consider liquor inspector, bylaw, etc..

10:08hrs hours phone call ended

10:09hrs Phone call with Steve Kanellakos

- Has some insider information the province is some emergency measures they are bringing in to help out for the province.
- End 1009 hours
- Steve k – Weened demo plan 0 do we have a plan to in place to extend the blocking and hardening of area.
- Need to have a plan, logistics,
- Have we identified a critical incident command lead – not yet, Bernier will do it when he comes in today or tomorrow
- Flag this as a risk... must have a name in the box. Now – cannot go forward and must be resolved at the end of the call.
- What is the level of the understanding of the members to enforce the injunction of train horn and honking
- Chief to John – will need for the communication to board or chair; need number of existing external officers and civilian members that are currently in our plan, any additional or decreasing numbers. Make sure not to double count. Yesterday 560 and 250 but 250 was already contained in the number of 560.

- Ensure all numbers are exact – John, need to know how many numbers we presently have on the ground. Don't want to pursue what was promised.
- Need the real number and not the promised number - will need it by the board meeting
- Around 1030 the province will announce significant changes
- Will prohibit an interference of public works – assume highway, airport, international boarder
- Prohibit vehicles to go on highways to do this.
- Up fines 100k or year in jail
- Increase MTO - CVOR enforcement
- Will be enforceable today will be passed today
- Need to know how we will use these in our operational plan for this morning.
- We need to understanding what the meaning of public works definition.
- City will advise their injunction this afternoon.
- If we are not going on unblocking and hardening then we have to go into ticketing and enforcement. Need to get the message out there. Figure out a away to get our members out there for it.
- Current civil, city and provincial injunction we will have more powers, how can we respond to the powers
- Negotiation – make sure we are getting results – are we really getting them or is it there bad intentions.

1036hrs end

Kevin maria and chief

Jopis need to see the assessment once I read it then will consider if need a cruiser parked out front.

Asked jim elves a summary of all threats are, wants the investigator and Ian brown on the briefing.

Maria to call Layla with questiong of what they need

1040hrs end and new meeting with Bell

Bell provided list of CoC

- Event commander: Today will be Rob Drummond - until Bernier
- Service command Center: Leblanc
- Major incident commander: Marin
- Incident Commander: Burnett

Drummond in major command

Burnett dedicated ic

- Phone call deans 1055hrs (Kevin M in room left 1056hrs)
- Anything in the closed agenda you need us to focus on.
- Trish Ferguson sent home for 2 days rest – Bell will provide briefing to focus on the actions of what we are doing and opposed to the inaction being done.

- Will have exact numbers of meeting, back to Jan 27th, everyday and since you and mayor sent letter.
- Update on provincial announcements
- Use of Ontario regulation for extensive police powers to protect public works. Similar to G20. Public works defined as hospital, etc
- MTO and CVOR
- Heads up city will complete and publish their injections by the end of the day.
- We up'd our negotiating strategy and believe there is a real possibility of the reduction of numbers in the Rideau area.
- We are not just -not doing anything. We need the resources. We only have the resources to do the level of policing we have been doing. We need officers.
- The numbers this week are gonna be smaller than last week. As long as people don't decide to go after each other. Will try to keep them separated.
- Chair 1106hrs
- Will get an overview of threats and a provincial strategy from Jopis, they are recommendations but there are costs and will be seeking reimbursement for the same.. just a heads up for the in-camera.
- So far a ring monitoring door ball camera, additional locks, monitoring alarm system . not exhaustive these are the main ones.
- Will be carrying my gun with me home... it will be in the board.
- Most don't wear it as they don't anticipate a threat, but I do so I will be wearing.
- If members receive threats, i.e. we are coming to get you the members need to report it . send it us.
- Retrieve them and send them to us. Steve Bell is running it, cc John and me. Save messages, date and time. And send it in.
- Do not take it lightly. Most are coming from the states but there are some locally so need to be careful.
- Ends 1112hrs.

1129 hours

Meeting with Mayor's staff

Mayor: Have been asked by federal cog, not to release specific numbers as it shows too much of our hand.

Chief – we are pairing down our description of what and how many we have. The more we give them the counter measures

No substantive change from last night 400 trucks in red zone

Other area Bronson and Vars area

- And convoy is still an issue
- Based on what we know the demos and counter demos will be the same or smaller, there are two other events that might
- Will stop up enforcement in area and will include the city injunction and the provinces increased

- Not aware of any new resources since the letter the mayor and chair sent last week
- Mayor, city just announced the extra 250 will be available tomorrow.
- Chief, this is not additional, it's the same 250 as originally promised. Only 50 have been sworn in.
- Mayor this is not what I was told. The minister announced an additional 250 on top of the 150. Mayor will follow up on it
- OPP they will match the additional 250 – premier announce they will be providing an additional.
- Additional protest coming from Lansdown park we are aware of it but trying to keep them away from the others.
- Katherine what are we doing about the truck driving around school slowing down and yelling at kids. Its all over social media, says they are calling it in. I received a threat today. I need to know what we are doing about these schools
- Chief have not received any reports – if they don't report it there is nothing we can do. I will check for calls, if you or the counselors are receiving threats then you need to report it.
- Mayor advised Chief to follow-up with school boards.
- We have 2 or 3 reports and the neighborhood officers are looking into it
- John media that is being reported is not the same as what is going on.
- Chief prepared to have high level briefings and discussions. Need to know so we can come to the meetings prepared.
- David White: we have not received the actual wording yet. As we understand it orders prohibiting anyone who block impede goods and services. For our purposes prohibit impeding any provincial roads and sidewalks. Re license info – they are pursuing cancellation of licensing
- Mat fleury at Rideau Center, it is quite underwhelming the few here but the impact they are having, they are outside the federal bubble. Why can't we make this small group leave.
- If this was going to be a tactical briefing I would have my members prepared. I was told this was a high-level briefing.
- Mayor cannot brief on operational decisions
- Chair Deans purpose of meeting in public than private. Will ask to keep questions tight as it takes resources away. We decided as a board that we would meet once a week then more if situation warranted.
- Looking for high level briefing to understand of what we can look at this weekend and resources.

End 1158hours

MEETING 1203HRS

- Chief, Kevin, Bell, Huneault,
- Need to stop giving too much info on resources.
- Kevin tried to get one investigation assigned to you but there are 3 different investigators, they see it as 3 different threats. Mark Horton doing briefing with Jopis and the investigators.
- Letter prepared to go to the chair, doesn't have any super details to it. Very generic letter.
- Jim Elves reviewed the prepared brief and recognized it was garbage.

Meeting with Navigator 1214hrs

- A once a day validated clear number at the beginning of the day is needed
- 2 things to lock down: do the numbers really matter when we communicate
- NAVIGATOR: yes. Numbers are important because you kept saying you couldn't do it as you didn't have the resources.
- We currently have 60 OPP deployed, 60 on route and deployable. RCMP 80 deployable. 70-100
- 22 from Durham 18 Peel, in and out from Cornwall and Kingston
- 189 POU including our own.
- We need to know how many we have, ourselves, how many from external sources and are deployable. how many up or down each day.
- We are giving too much away, stop promising what you can't deliver. We chip away at it but don't nail it.
- They have an amazing counter intelligence and we are giving them too much.
- Navigator we need to under promise and over deliver.
- The board called a meeting at 3 – the purpose is to have ops come to a public session as to what we have done. What is the plan now we cannot go in front of a public meeting to
- [REDACTED]
- John call Krista and see what they want.
- Chief will then call chair and say we cannot provide info
- Notes to be provided with limitations what is reasonable and lawful – notes in public and in-camera to be reviewed by Christiane.
- Regulations: the day shift tomorrow, need the grounds, ticket books, etc, even if we don't get an extra-officers, we need a dedicated group of officers doing the enforcement
- City will not be going for the with injunction.
- We need a dedicated enforcement group that will not be assigned to a traffic point. Only to do enforcement. They need to be protected by "flying squad" to protect them. Need it for every day until we are done.
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Call ended 1249hours

Call with Diane Deans 1252hrs left vm

Meeting 1258hrs

Merkle and Boucher

- Mood everyone is tired. Radio lots of convo about dealing with gas cans. Definitely uptick
- Merkle ensured OPP and RCMP were getting the briefing plan out

CALL BACK FROM DIANE DEANS 1301 HRS

- Expectations for board meeting. Gonna do like we did on Monday minimum level. Can not and won't be drawn into what I cannot lawfully provide... i.e. staffing numbers what the plans are, need you to be clear and understanding about that.

- The response will be as much as we gave you on Monday cannot go into the confidential. Accusatory language and requests for information that is unlawful for me to provide you will not be provided.
- She is accusing us of not responding to crimes, we don't respond to twitter. She needs to report any threats. Was reported to Stepanie Lemieux
- Encourage the board to not ask questions which cannot be answered – operationally.
- You and I are aligned, If we can pull in one or two board members we might have productive meeting this afternoon.
- Short public session then a longer in-camera session would be good
- As a politician and board chair you need to find a balance in responding.
- Call end 1313hr
- Chair called back 1113hrs
- Officers are going work the overtime as they want the money.
- Ended 1315 hrs
- Questions regarding members afraid of not getting paid.
- Nothing heard in that regard.
- Merkle followed up on Mike Stoll issues agreed with his chain of command will be off for a couple of months,
- Should call him – Merkle to check with Michelle
- While Merkle is off – Steve Boucher will handle the section
- Chief is now bringing his gun home, not sure if he is going to ask for a pick-up and drop off or driving home. Not sure will request a patrol vehicle outside, If a driver is needed it will be one you, Merkle / Boucher
- Will try to do as much from home, if need to come in from the office.

Meeting ended 1330hrs

Call to Chuck Wexler – President of Police Executive Research Forum

Q: what are you facing

A: when this was being announced informally truck protest coming to Ottawa, it was clear government decision to not let truck drivers who are not vaccinated to cross the board. This triggered truckers from out west.

Q: it was a mandate that truckers had to be vaccinated

A: yes Biden first then Trudeau followed lead. This started the convoy, as it came across the country and got more news. When it left it had 20-30 trucks then it at 2000-3000 a go fund me page that reached 11 million dollars.

It got problematic, attaching onto the original, came a lot of other causes, they don't like the restaurants restrictions, we don't want our children to be vaccinated... etc.. they wanted to have Trudeau resign, the government close parliament,

When they arrived they brought Nazi flags, anti black, anti LGBT, etc.. they came with their wives and children, they left off their jobs, they arrived not to drive around the city... now we are staying here until the government ends the mandates and some to end the government – very much like what faced the U.S. on Jan 6, but not to the same extent not dem or rep nor the vote count. It was to demand a major change in the government with a threat of violence.

Q when did it start

A they arrived Thursday Jan 27.

Q you have 3000 truck in Ottawa.

A when it started we had locals, on Friday we were able to send the convoys to external spots and holding areas. On Friday night and early Saturday morning we had approximately 2500 trucks piled in the city, they dropped their rigs, chained themselves, and some removed their tires,

Q did you government declare a state of emergency toda

A they are enacting emergency regulation. There has been off shoot demos at Windsor ec

Q what impact has your truckers affected the day to day life

A the major business, bars restaurants, closed, no tourism traffic , some residential areas affected by noise, threats, highly aggravating situations. Large part of the city not affect but emotionally,

We have now found out through intelligence, we have former antional security, former officers who are embedded within the origination and a coordinated effort

Q is the gov negotiaing with the leaders

A not at this time = govt characterized it as a policing response

Q are tow truck drivers sympathetic an dnot willing to help

A some yes but some cant as these are their customers and cannot be involved in sesing the vehicles. Some are being threatened.

Q what would a crack down look like, what does success looks like

A, some trucks have women and children in the vehicles. Every plan has to consider

Q is there anything people can do down here

A we are getting a lot of support with intel, practical sharing of information. Lessons learned from similar events would be helpful. I would ask that this is very political. Can I look at it to take a look at if for edits.

Yes will send it to you tonight.

1355hours call ended.

1404 hrs meeting "Freedom Convoy" meeting

Chief looking for the number of trucks and people in Toronto or Windsor – looking for whats projected from intelligence as to what numbers we will receive tomorrow

Level of extremism is involved.

Pat will provide

Carson Pardy still trying to get initial resources, trying for the numbers

The intel becoming less reliable, lots of counter measures,

Challenge we don't know if we are going to have a bigger demo or smaller

No line of site for intelligence for this w

John- traffic plan that Toronto has is something we have.

Meeting 1456jhrs over promising

1559 hours

Amanda, Mat, Steve and John

Chief we are not getting the officers

Update from intel they don't know how many are coming here or going to Windsor

Don't know how many we are having.

We might only get 250 mounties

Today conversation we will enforce the new regulation

This is the numbers we have –

Federal govt not giving anything , probably not getting anything provincially

How do we articulate it?

Amanda we cant talk about it. We current have so many officers on the ground. Has to be very scoped out

Chief don't want to talk tough, want to get away from that.

They want to see the chief controlling it – fake it till we make it.

Amanda need to have a level balance – level tone.

We need a better plan - need a better comms on that plan.

If we don't change the plan we will not get out of it.

Malone

Boots on the ground 30 OPP – is that any more from last week or is that

24 hours, what is the total number that we will have working. Has this increased since

Tuesday,

John we have 60 OPP on 12 hour shifts – 30 per shift.

1617HRS Media with OPSB

1630 end

1635 – in camera with OPBS

- Chief – chair and staff has received threats, D/C Bell will review and investigations, consider using our resource to asses , alarm systems and better cameras,
- Chief is talking it seriously, will send formal letter for reimbursement
- Chair wants someone to look at all voicemails and message to assess the threat assessments
- McKenna received a death threat they had her address, they are trying to get their child out of the house, requesting a security detail over the weekend – Yes, will have d/c Bell follow up and with both.
- Resources: we have 60 total OPP, 40 total RCMP, they work on 2 shifts, 12 hour rotations. At any given time we would have 50 officers total. We have requested a lot more, in ongoing dialogue to obtain more members.
- Meehan: it does not seem like we are getting the resources would you give us the green light to go the mayor of our city to consider section 275 of military act. We have military members sitting in Petawawa. They can do specific tasks.

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- Meehan – need to be more willing to take necessary steps.

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- There are 400 trucks still in the red zone, there are children there, they trucks will not leave we are in constant negotiations
- Some threats are coming from the states
- Chief had team review from when it originally started in Vancouver. Have gone through all intelligence briefs, as of right now, there were not indications that it was about what we are talking about right now. No real sense, no indication that we needed to prepare of an occupation, nor violence. Intelligence agencies had blind spots. We might have been able to defer it a couple of hours but they would be here
- Right now cant look in rear view mirror, I need the assistance and the support of the board. I do not think we are going to get more officers.
- Johnson just an injunction to stop the bridge – can we help to get one here.
- Chief, I have firm knowledge that they are doing everything to get these resources.

Call ended 1705hrs

Demo F-22 Chief's Evening Briefing

- Chief to Kevin – need a day by day running total of OPS officers and external office from the start it is to be sent every day.
- Rob and Bell joined at 1717hrs.
- Chief to do a push on Rideau and Sussex crew – where did we get with that?
- Drummond: we moved some pick up trucks but the French nationalist were not willing to move. Will keep working on it.
- Need to decide when the negotiate is no longer valid
- Chief need to know what we are going to do about our traffic plan. Need to ensure that we have fully assessed what we can do. Has Toronto been contacted to see what they had done last week and are doing it this weekend.
- Bell we are seeking out the strategies – Rob just received a few minutes ago Toronto's plan.
- CHIEF – everyone benefitted from us at the onset. We need to make sure we are learning from the others who have now experienced... go to Coteau, Quebec City to see what they learned. Need to move forward. We know 300-400 trucks coming here tomorrow. Anything we can do to prevent trucks from getting into the core – is what we need to do. Make sure on Monday when we catch our breath to reach out to other jurisdictions to see what the success are.
- We need to close the roads before they get there, and not try to close them afterward. The more we close early the easier it will be.
- BELL: plan for tomorrow is large convoy coming in. OPP will divert them from past exits. The plan we have
- Chief must document the responses we receive from the other jurisdictions – i.e. Quebec refusing to close the bridges.
- Are we closing more roads as we go along?.
- Bell yes more roads last weekend than the first weekend. Not for this weekend. We were able to manage last week.
- Rob we have 30 officers assigned to the traffic enforcements during the day, We need to direct them as we use, OPP will advise
- How many dedicated officers for enforcement are available over the 24 hours.

- By 9pm need to know the number of resources and support for traffic enforcement which will cover a 12 hour cycle (9am to 9pm) tomorrow and ensure that they are only utilized for traffic enforcement.
- Number one question – exactly how many officers do you have and how many from OPP and how many RCMP. Need the facts.... John S to provide.
- What matters to us is who showed up and went out and did enforcement.
- What is the actual staff number to manage the maintenance, what is the actual number the progress the strategy. How are we so far apart from what we need and what we have.
- Our ability to enforce the new orders will be for the members assigned to it and only enforce, and not for them to be assigned elsewhere.
- Chief the priority PLT rideaus sussecx and 2nd was cvor... are these the same priorities for tomorrow?.
- Bell the PLT will be the same, mandates will change ,
- I want to know in antying that we are doing we are sharing intelligence – we have a lot of good coordination,
- I want to know that we are sharing in real time and we are learning,
- Going forward make sure we get the best info in how to handle the situation.
- Stop over promising and under-delivering.
- If we decide to lock it down then show the numbers and the plan. If we can't lock it down we enforce it but then make sure it happens.
- We need the dedicated resources to be document it by 9pm tonight, not by 830 tomorrow morning
- PLT, negotiating in current plan, you need to be sure that we are negotiating with the people that will accomplish something.
- Mission is to end the unlawful unsafe demo
- Chief wants to know with a proper chain of command
- Org chart to go out to MDL to explain the over-all mandate
- Rob to set up his command – any changes once set up is to go by the Chief and reason why.
- We need to go hard this weekend – but if someone needs to take the time. We need to stop pretending to te rest of the world. We need to do the best we can with what we have. Don't try to do more than we can but do it well.

End 1820hrs

Kevin meeting

- Threats to Chief Kv spoke to Jamie
- First is Switzerland.
- Second in the states – being dealt with by charges
- 3rd out west and is MHA leve;
- Non are close to here that they can act on it.
- JOPIS sent document – will look at level of threat – still working on true threat assessment.
- They want to put premise history on your address.
- Changed DL to MTO,
- Waiting for info from you on

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- Based on info on silent hit – Jamie will look into it.
- Any info on alarm, camera, and locks – fits into the medium level
- Would be helpful if Kevin spoke to Layla. In person or by phone call
- Keep working on intel – critically important
- Break down what they have, their analysis
- Consistent with the week before – Jan 21st
- Working on intelligence timeline
- There is an intelligent gap in how long they are staying.
- There is a switch in the intel
- You are going to hear they want an executive w- Bernier
- Can't be Chief will not be Kevin, if so then Chief will be the commander
- You asked to get the right person – but Rob is implementing things to protect us. He is the right person, Need to give clear direction, this is not PLT.
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- End 1835 hours
- Phone call Chris, John and Chief 1840 hours
- Will send interview to review from Whissel
- End 1840 hrs
- Bell meeting 1841
- 31 officers from 7 am till 10 pm officers will do full traffic full mdt to lay tickets.
- Is there a force protection – won't need it they will be in soft zone. 100 pou units. We are going to start squeezing them in ..start on Kent.
- Board doesn't understand the level of violence that would be needed to do this... if we do it people will die.
- Will need someone from outside to speak to Board
- CAS doing assessment and plan
- Hospitals working on going into the code orange.
- Chief lets get through the weeknd and tell the board and do an in camera presentation
- Make sure the board realizes that they are inflaming this.